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## ARRESTS MADE IN PEDESTRIAN ROBBERY SERIES

**(San Diego, CA)** San Diego Police Department Northern Division patrol officers, in cooperation with Western Division officers and detectives, have arrested three suspects for a series of recent pedestrian robberies that occurred in Pacific Beach, Hillcrest and University Heights.

Between September 21, 2011 and October 4, 2011, generally between 11:00 p.m. and midnight, there were three pedestrian robberies in the Pacific Beach area. In all cases, the suspects were described as a pair of Hispanic males who threatened the victims with a knife.

Between September 21-28, 2011, there were three similar street robbery cases in Hillcrest and University Heights. In one of these cases, the suspects were seen getting into a small white car driven by a Hispanic female described as heavysset.

Last night, shortly after 11:00 p.m., a victim was accosted while he walked across the bridge at 800 Robinson Avenue. The victim was talking on a cell phone when he was grabbed from behind. The suspect demanded the victim's cell phone and wallet, but the victim screamed. The suspect threatened to stab the victim, but no weapon was seen. The victim struggled with the suspects until he was pushed in the path of an approaching vehicle. The suspects were last seen running northbound onto 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue without the victim's property.

A few minutes later, another victim was attacked as he walked on 1400 Tyler Avenue. A suspect reached around the victim from behind, placed a knife to his throat and immediately pushed him to the ground. Two suspects punched and kicked the victim multiple times and took his cell phone. The suspects ran west on Tyler and turned south onto Maryland Street.

Northern Division patrol officers monitored a radio broadcast reporting the street robberies. They went to the area where there had been previous cases to look for possible suspects. They located two Hispanic males near the intersection of Dawes and Missouri Streets. As they approached the males, one dropped a knife. Nearby, they contacted a heavysset Hispanic female in the driver's seat of a small white car. After some coordination with the officers investigating the earlier cases, all three suspects were arrested for robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery. The suspects' identities are not being released at this time because the investigation into the previous cases continues. The two Hispanic males, ages 22 and 23 years, and the Hispanic female, age 38, are all residents of Spring Valley.

Anyone with information about these or other related crimes is asked to call the San Diego Police Department at (619) 531-2000 or the Western Division at (619) 692-4800.

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